

For their sake, we should fix our priorities now—as this amendment attempts to do—and include funding for contingency operations in the fiscal year 1996 budget now.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. D'AMATO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1147. An original bill to extend and reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-134).

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 2108. A bill to permit the Washington Convention Center Authority to expend revenues for the operation and maintenance of the existing Washington Convention Center and for preconstruction activities relating to a new convention center in the District of Columbia, to permit a designated authority of the District of Columbia to borrow funds for the preconstruction activities relating to a sports arena in the District of Columbia and to permit certain revenues to be pledged as security for the borrowing of such funds, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 22. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should participate in Expo '98 in Lisbon, Portugal.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

Beth Susan Slavet, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2002.

William H. LeBlanc III, of Louisiana, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2000.

Jerome A. Stricker, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 1998.

Jacob Joseph Lew, of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sheryl R. Marshall, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 1998.

Stephen D. Potts, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics for a term of five years.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Bette Bao Lord, of New York, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term of two years.

Alberto J. Mora, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term of two years.

Marc B. Nathanson, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term of three years.

Joseph A. Presel, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh.

Carl Spielvogel, of New York, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term of one year.

Mark D. Gearan, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

David W. Burke, of New York, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term of three years.

Tom C. Korologos, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term of three years.

Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term of two years.

Cheryl F. Halpern, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term of one year.

Lee F. Jackson, of Massachusetts, to be United States Director of the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development.

Stanley Tuemler Escudero, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Nominee: Stanley T. Escudero.

Post: Uzbekistan.

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse, none.
3. Children and spouses names, S. Alexander C. Escudero (unmarried), none; W. Benjamin P. Escudero (unmarried), none.
4. Parents names, Estelle T. Damgaard, none; Stanley D. Escudero (father, deceased).
5. Grandparents names, William Tuemler, deceased; Mary Tuemler, deceased; Manuel Escudero, deceased; Mabel Escudero, deceased.
6. Brothers and spouses names, none.
7. Sisters and spouses names, none.

William Harrison Courtney, of West Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Georgia.

Nominee: William H. Courtney.

Post: Ambassador to Georgia.

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse, none.
3. Children and spouses names, none.
4. Parents names, none.
5. Grandparents names, none.
6. Brothers and spouses names, none.
7. Sisters and spouses names, none.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. PRESSLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

John Goglia, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the term expiring December 31, 1998.

Robert Talcott Francis, II, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the term expiring December 31, 1999, vice John K. Lauber, term expired, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Jay C. Ehle, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of a committee were reported on August 10, 1995:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 103-29 Treaty Convention on Income Tax with Sweden (Exec. Rept. 104-4).

TEXT OF THE COMMITTEE-RECOMMENDED

RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Stockholm on September 1, 1994, together with a related exchange of notes (Treaty Doc. 103-29).

Treaty Doc. 103-30, Treaty Doc. 104-11, Treaty Convention on Income Tax with Ukraine (Exec. Rept. 104-5).

TEXT OF THE COMMITTEE-RECOMMENDED

RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ukraine for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, with Protocol, signed at Washington on March 4, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103-30); and the Exchange of Notes Dated at Washington May 26 and June 6, 1995, Relating to the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ukraine for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, Together With a Related Protocol, signed at Washington on March 4, 1994, (Treaty Doc. 104-11).

Treaty Doc. 103-31, Treaty Convention on Income Tax with Mexico (Additional Protocol Modifying) (Exec. Rept. 104-6).

TEXT OF THE COMMITTEE-RECOMMENDED

RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Additional Protocol that Modifies the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States for the Avoidance